(*b*) Is it a fact that a good lot of timber is thrown off without finding purchasers ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Almost all the timber received up to Edavam 1103 has been disposed of and what remains now is fresh timber received since then.

(*b*) No; the timber always finds prompt purchasers and no stock is left undisposed of.

Kuttanad to be a separate Co-operative Division.

155. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : In order to encourage agriculture, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered it necessary to form Kuttanad into a separate Co-operative Division with a separate Co-operative Inspector in charge of the work ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government do not consider it necessary to constitute Kuttanad into a separate Co-operative Circle.

Plague Observation.

156. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the places at which observation stations have been established to prevent the spread of plague from Cochin to Travancore ;

(*b*) whether an observation station has not been established at Arukutti to examine passengers entering Travancore from Cochin by boats and canoes ;

(*c*) the number of Medical Officers that have been specially deputed for observation work at the Arukutti station ;

(*d*) the average number of boats and canoes that cross over to Travancore daily from Cochin through Arukutti ;

(*e*) whether it is not the rule that all the passengers in these conveyances should be examined individually ;

(*f*) whether all such passengers are individually examined at the Arukutti observation station ;

(*g*) whether they consider it possible on the part of the Medical Officers now posted there to conduct a proper examination of all these passengers individually ;

(*h*) whether they are aware that a very large number of such passengers are put to various inconveniences on account of the insufficient number of Medical Officers deputed for the work ;

(*i*) whether, in view to the convenience of passengers and to secure additional advantage on account of medical examination, they will depute more Medical Officers to the Arukutti observation station ;

(*j*) whether they are aware :

(i) that passengers by boat from Cochin are compelled to alight at Arukutti for medical examination ; and

(ii) that this is a source of considerable inconvenience to such passengers, especially to women and children ;

(*k*) whether, in view to the safety and convenience of passengers by boat, they will issue instructions for the examination being conducted in the boats themselves ;

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